gauged at macro level by its growth in terms of geographical operations, stocks levels built up by procurement under Price Support operations and levy as also the role played from time to time in implementing the Food Security Schemes to the targetted groups and at the same time ensuring overall food security of the country. The following figures give the nature of growth in the activities of the Corporation :

(Figs. in lakh tonnes)

	1969-70	1995-96
1. **Procurement**		
(a) Rice	29.43	99.75
(b) Wheat	23.87	123.26
2. **Distribution**		
(a) Rice	1.06	115.01
(b) Wheat	1.59	122.25
3. **Storage Godowns**		
Capacity	47.90	264.10
4. **Movement**		
Qty. moved.	61.00	202.53
5. **Turn-Over**		
(Rs. in crores)	1265	25492
6. (a) No. of regions	14	19
(b) No. of Districts	104	173

(c) No Sir

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) Constant efforts are made to monitor the functioning of FCI with a view to ensure that it discharges its responsibilities effectively.

(f) and (g) The number of FCI officials found guilty of omissions and commissions in discharging of their responsibilities and punishment awarded is as under :

Nature of Punishment	1993	1994	1995	1996 (Upto Sept'96)
1	2	3	4	5
(i) Dismissal/removal compulsorily retired	10	8	19	17
(ii) Reduction in rank.	27	26	19	21
(iii) Reduction in time scale of pay	38	28	50	32
(iv) Withholding of increment of pay/ recovery from pay.	397	331	252	256
(v) Withholding of promotion.	1	18	23	2
(vi) Censure	190	164	91	109
	663	575	454	437

Scavengers

781. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the matter of emancipation of scavengers from their ages old occupation and their rehabilitation during the first six months of the current year alongwith the comparative figures for the corresponding period of the previous year and

(b) the extent to which the involvement of Sulabh Andolan has helped in the process?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b). The information regarding points (a) and (b) are being collected and will be laid down on the table of the house.

Foodgrains Stock

782. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the food stock is sufficient to meet its requirement particularly of the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the total wheat and rice stock including buffer stock available with the each agency of the Government/State Governments at the end of October, 1996;

(c) whether this stock is more than the stock of the last year;

(d) if so, the quantity thereof, grain-wise and State-wise;

(e) the quantity of wheat and rice out of the above stock which is three years old?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir, the foodgrain stocks in the Central Pool at present are sufficient to meet the requirement of Public Distribution System.

(b) The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool at the end of September, 1996 i.e. as on 1.10.1996 were estimated at 9.34 million tonnes of rice and 10.36 million tonnes of wheat. Statements I and II showing state-wise stock of rice and wheat held by FCI and the State Govt. Agencies for Central Pool are attached. The total

minimum stocks to be maintained by the Public Agencies as per Buffer Stocking norms as on Ist October and the Actual stock position as on 1.10.96 (P) are as follows :

(In million tonnes)

	Stock Actual as on 1-10-96	Buffer Norms as on 1-10-96
Rice -	9.34	6.00
Wheat -	10.36	10.60
Total -	19.70	16.60

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Age-wise stock position of foodgrains is given below :

(In Million Tonnes)
(more than three years old)

	2 to 3 years old
Rice -	0.91	0.58
Wheat -	0.22	0.19

STATEMENT-I

State-wise Stocks of Foodgrains with FCI as on 01.10.1996 (P)

(In '000 Tonnes)

S.No.	States/UTs	Rice	Wheat	C.Grains	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	484.11	34.34	0.00	518.45
2.	JM(PO) Vizag	21.04	2.89	0.00	23.93
3.	Assam	107.75	17.23	0.00	124.98
4.	Bihar	65.82	100.27	0.00	166.09
5.	Delhi	32.29	92.36	0.00	124.65
6.	Goa	4.93	2.65	0.00	7.58
7.	Gujarat	185.94	405.37	0.00	591.34
8.	JM(PO)Kandla	20.54	6.69	0.00	27.23
9.	Haryana	210.12	240.61	0.00	450.73
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2.66	16.43	0.00	19.09
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	20.52	15.89	0.00	36.41
12.	Karnataka	147.45	36.45	0.00	183.90
13.	Kerala	291.18	58.97	0.00	350.15
14.	Madhya Pradesh	613.44	170.51	0.00	783.95
15.	Maharashtra	362.26	392.47	0.00	754.73
16.	Manipur	0.96	0.11	0.00	1.07
17.	Meghalaya	3.47	3.41	0.00	6.88
18.	Mizoram	1.67	2.82	0.00	4.49
19.	Nagaland	2.03	0.35	0.00	2.38
20.	Orissa	77.52	35.81	0.00	113.33
21.	Punjab	3084.09	1145.57	0.00	4229.66
22.	Rajasthan	332.67	331.64	0.00	664.31
23.	Tamil Nadu	355.54	83.92	0.00	439.46
24.	JM (PO) Madras	7.39	0.63	0.00	8.02
25.	Tripura	3.29	3.67	0.00	6.96
26.	Uttar Pradesh	596.46	421.95	Neg.	1018.41

1	2	3	4	5	6
27.	West Bengal	174.07	107.78	0.00	281.85
28.	JM (PO) Calcutta	64.43	23.89	0.00	88.32
29.	Chandigarh	2.06	2.99	0.00	5.05
	Stocks in Transit	210.90	240.31	0.00	451.21
	Grand Total (All-India)	7486.60	3997.98	0.00	11484.58

(P) - Provisional
(Neg.) - Below 50 Townes
(Source) - FCI

STATEMENT - II

Stocks of Foodgrains in the Central Pool Held by State Government/State Agencies as on 1.10.1996

(In lakh tonnes)

State	Rice	Wheat	Total
Madhya Pradesh	3.48	0.00	3.48
Uttar Pradesh	4.65	1.00	5.65
Punjab	5.00	53.25	58.25
Haryana	5.00	9.37	14.37
Total	18.13	63.62	81.75

[Translation]

Crimes

783. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Nabbe pratishat hatyare to pakre hi nahi jaate", appearing in 'Nav Bharat Times', dated August 29, 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any plan to arrest the culprits at the earliest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The news item captioned "Nabbe pratishat hayare to pakar main hi nahin aate" has come to the notice of the Government.

The news item is reportedly based on the report 'Crime in India 1994' published by the National Crime Records Bureau. However, the data contained in the said report have been wrongly interpreted in the news item. "Arrest Rate" have been mistaken in the news item as the percentage of persons arrested. The term "Arrest Rate" has been explained in te glossary of the said report as number of arrests per lakh (100,000) of population.

12.01 hrs.

PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification under the Essential Commodities Act, 1995 and Memoradum of Understanding between National Seeds Corporation Limited and Ministry of Agriculture for the year 1996-97.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : I beg to lay on the table.

(1) Copy each of the following notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1995:-

(i) S.O.753(E) published in Gazette of India dated 31st October, 1996 containing Order fixing the specification of the fertiliser for Potassium Chloride (Muriate of Potash) imported in India from Commonwelth Independent States Countries for a period of one year with effect from the 31st October,1996.

(ii) S.O. 672(E) published in Gezette of India dated the 1st October, 1996 containing Order indicating the supplies of fertilizers to be made by domestic manufacturers of fertilizers to various States, Union Territories/Commodity Board during Rabi 1996-97 season.

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(2) A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (Hindi and English version) between the National Seeds Corporation Limited and the Ministry of Agriculture for the year 1996-97.

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